



Eddie A. Perez
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MAYOR PEREZ STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF RUTH L. PULDA AND MERRILEE H. MILSTEIN

(June 11, 2008)--- Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez joins the City, Region, and State in mourning the loss of two advocates for women and workers, Ruth L. Pulda and Merrilee H. Milstein, who both lost their battle with cancer.

Mayor Perez says, "Their tenacity, their insistence, their dedication, and their fight for the rights and dignity of others made all of our lives better, safer, and stronger. They were both pioneers, paving the way for others, and thanks to their tireless efforts we are all able to stand on their shoulders and see a higher quality of life."

Pulda, a former chairwoman of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, was a lawyer who helped shape legislation and fought for the quality life and dignity of cancer patients.

Milstein was a pioneer in organized labor and made inroads for nurse's aides and housekeepers in the nursing home industry.